--- “Series of 1897” - 10 Cigars - 365 x 19 mm. ---

--- *recess printed* in BLACK ink on horizontal mesh wove - scanned at 60% scale ---

--- with the 24 mm. [AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. OTTAWA **] imprint - 4½ mm red controls ---**

The catalogue lists this recess printed black ten cigar “Series of 1897” strip as follows:

RG-390 - 10 cigars, black, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove - 4½ mm red controls

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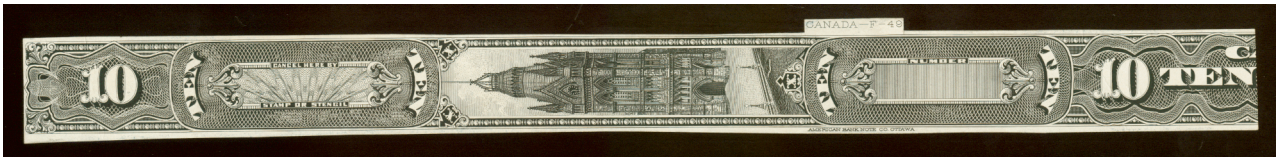
★**RG-390** - 10 cigars, black, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove, control **2213270**,
with an unreadable black circular roller cancellation, the design measures 368 x 19 mm

049909 ★	RG-390 **	10 cigars, black, coarse roulette, on a wooden box of **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year** cigars by “H. D. Barry”, Quebec City [**3-8**]
434139 ★	RG-390 **	10 cigars, black, coarse roulette, on a wooden box of **Van Horne** cigars, by “Harris, Harkness”, Montreal [**35-17**]
643332 ★	RG-390 **	10 cigars, black, coarse roulette, on a wooden box of **La Flor de Pancho** by “Jose Granda”, Montreal [**7-17**]
2213270 ★	RG-390	10 cigars, black, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove

As also occurs on the different colours on this 365 mm. ten cigar strip, the *early control-numbered* versions, and all those *without control numbering*, are *shorter* than the later control-numbered production strips. I have not given a separate catalogue number to the alternate lengths.

It is pure speculation on my part, but since the *control-free* examples all measure about 4 mm. shorter than the *control-numbered* production strips, perhaps the “TP” varieties were taken from the original *flat plates*, and the *control-numbered* strips are longer because, for production, these flat plates were *curved* to fit on a rotary press.

Unfortunately, at some time in the past, these 1897 die proofs were trimmed as shown above by a person unknown. The longer proofs were trimmed, and then cut into two sections as shown below.

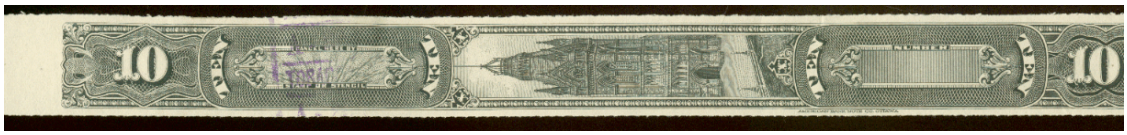


★**RG-390 DP** - 10 cigars, the black die proof [CANADA - F - 49] on thick horizontal mesh wove,
the design measures 363 x 19 mm without counting the imprint

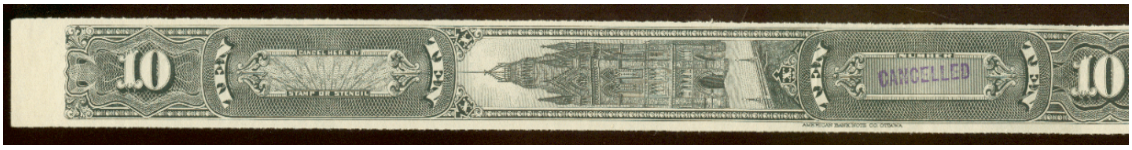
--- “Series of 1897” - 10 Cigars - 363 x 19 mm ---

--- *recess printed* in BLACK ink - *coarse roulette* - *without* control numbers - scanned at 60% scale ---

--- with the 24 mm. [AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. OTTAWA **] imprint ---**



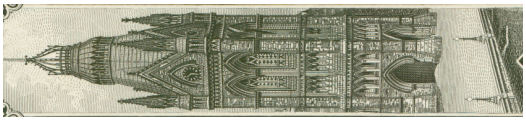
★**RG-390n SP** - 10 cigars, black, *coarse roulette*, without control numbering, on horizontal mesh wove, roller cancelled **TOBACCO / A-20** in violet ink, the design measures 363 x 19 mm.



★**RG-390n CP** - 10 cigars, black, *coarse roulette*, without control numbering, on horizontal mesh wove, stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic letters, the design measures 363 x 19 mm.

★**RG-390n CRP** - 10 cigars, black, *coarse roulette*, without control numbering, on horizontal mesh wove, stamped **CANCELLED** and **Registered** in violet ink, the design measures 360 x 19 mm.

Apparently there was no ***blue control-numbered*** version of the longer 365 mm. black ten cigar strip. Probably by that time they had switched to the shorter 215 mm. strip.



--- the pre-fire Parliament Building at Ottawa - scanned at 100% scale

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